

# SDS Plans Protest Against CIA Recruiting

## Possible Sit-In Is Threatened

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The Tulane Students for a Democratic Society will attempt to prevent campus recruiting by the Central Intelligence Agency Monday and Tuesday by staging a "non-violent sit-in" in the Placement Office, acting SDS chairman Eric Gordon announced this week.

The SDS has also been gathering signatures for a petition to the University administration demanding that the University "immediately and effectively deny the availability and use of the University Placement Service to the C.I.A."

The petition "accuses the administration of Tulane of immoral complicity with the overthrow of democratic popular governments, the hiring of political assassins, inciting racial violence and tension, mass-scale food poisoning, and subversion and prostitution of academic institutions and ideals."

"By extending the hospitality and facilities of the University to the C.I.A. for its recruiting," the petition continues, "Tulane University is tacitly affirming that tactics such as the aforementioned represent suitable application of higher learning."

### 50 Sign Petition

By Thursday evening some 50 students had signed the petition. Gordon said that the petitions were to be presented today to the administration, probably to Dean of Students John Stibbs. "If they don't accede to the demand (to stop the C.I.A. job interviews)," Gordon said, "we plan a sit-in."

The C.I.A. interviews are scheduled to run from 9:00 AM to after 6:00 PM both

Monday and Tuesday. They will be held in the small interview rooms on the second floor of the University Center. Thirty-five students have signed up for interviews.

Gordon would not predict how many students might participate in the proposed sit-in. Asked whether the SDS objective was to physically prevent students from talking to the C.I.A. representative, Gordon said that

the protest will be "non-violent. We will use every kind of pressure but physical." He added that the objective was "not to let the C.I.A. return to the campus again."

Questioned about plans in case of a sit-in or other protest, Col. Robert A. Scruton, director of Tulane Security Police, said Wednesday, "I am fully prepared in every aspect. People who interfere with the normal process of recruiting will be removed with the utmost gentleness by me and my staff. But they will be removed."

Scruton said he "did not expect to have an army of cops but there will be enough to do the job." Asked whether outside police might be called in for assistance, Scruton replied, "Over my dead body."

C.I.A. recruiting literature in the Placement Office indicates that students with "all degrees and all disciplines" are invited to apply. "There is no intellectual discipline and few skills which are not continually needed," according to one statement. The list of students scheduled for interviews shows a wide variety of major departments.

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